



23 March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

SCHOOL CLOSURE (YEAR 8) – THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2022

I contacted you on 04 January 2022 to prepare you for the possibility of school closure as a consequence of the Omicron variant of concern. In that letter, I wrote:

“It is, perhaps, inevitable that your child will be asked to stay at home on occasion as a consequence of staff absence. Our approach should ensure that such occurrences are rare and last for the minimum length of time possible; ideally, no more than one day in the week. Of course, there is much we still do not know about the impact of Omicron and I will keep you updated with our progress. Importantly, you will need to be prepared for sudden and unexpected school closure. The notice provided may be short.”

I regret that, once again, staff and student absences are rising in line with a national trend. With a projected requirement of 120 lessons to be covered this week – and over 25 break time duties unstaffed – I am unable to run the school effectively or safely.

Thankfully, we are well prepared for such a scenario. **However, I must now ask your Year 8 child to remain at home on Thursday 24 March 2022 for one day only.** This means your child will return to school on Friday 25 March 2022.

Your child's teachers have uploaded work to the blended learning class on Hwb. Accordingly, we ask your child to follow their usual school timetable whilst at home so that there can be no negative impact on their learning or progress.

As promised, our contingency measures have been designed to keep any disruption to an absolute minimum. Should this decision cause a particular difficulty to you or your child, please contact me directly at headteacher@steilos.com so that I can provide advice and guidance.

Yours,

Mr I Loynd
Headteacher